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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I bought the Tracfone for several reasons, but mainly because there is no usage fee. I never use my phone out of state unless absolutely necessary. I wanted the safety of having a phone with me for emergencies without having to pay for a monthly phone service such as Sprint, etc. I have MS, and it is wonderful to know I have the phone if I get ill or need my husband to come get me. People like me, who use the phone for specific reasons, not like a business person or a teenager who is constantly on the phone, should not have to be penalized. Please keep this in mind when making any amendments to your decision.

Thank you.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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